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AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DENNIS F., CAROL F., and GRACE F.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:12-cv-02819-MMC

**JOINT STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~
ORDER TO EXTEND MERITS BRIEFING
AND HEARING SCHEDULE**

The Hon. Maxine M. Chesney

Third Amended Complaint Filed: 04/13/2016

KIM B. and AVIVA B.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01395-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

ALISON B. and DANIEL B.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01398-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

WILLIAM B. and RYAN B.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01402-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

LLOYD B. and TALYA B.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01405-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

RODNEY K. and BRIAN K.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01397-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

MARK L. and ELAINE L.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01399-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

R.M. and M.M.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 5:16-cv-01401-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

PERRY P. and EVAN P.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01400-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

RICHARD R. and SUSANNA R.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01404-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

DAGMAR W. and SAMANTHA W..

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01403-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

CHERYL N. and TRISTAN W.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01406-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

The parties to the above-captioned litigation, by and through their respective counsel of record, hereby stipulate and request as follows:

WHEREAS, the Court ordered a briefing and hearing schedule on the merits on May 16, 2017 (ECF 225) and then that schedule was extended on July 27, 2017 to accommodate ongoing settlement discussions between the parties (ECF 230);

WHEREAS, the parties remain actively engaged in ongoing settlement discussions;

WHEREAS, the parties require more time to complete their negotiations and are in agreement that an extension of time is necessary and appropriate;

WHEREAS, this is the second joint request that the parties have made seeking an extension of the briefing deadlines laid out in the Court's initial May 16, 2017 order;

WHEREAS, this stipulation will have a minimal impact on timing, as it will only push back the hearing on the merits by two months from the originally scheduled date (*see* ECF 225);

WHEREAS, the parties have met and conferred, and agreed upon the procedure and briefing schedule below;

THEREFORE, the parties jointly stipulate, subject to the Court's approval:

1. Plaintiffs will file their opening brief on the merits on **October 2, 2017**.
2. Defendants will file their opposition brief on the merits on **October 30, 2017**.
3. Plaintiffs will file their reply brief on the merits on **November 20, 2017**.
4. The Court will hold a hearing to discuss the merits on **December 15, 2017** at 9:00 a.m.
5. The parties agree that only one brief will be submitted on the merits, and that brief will

address all twelve related cases.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: August 30, 2017

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By: /s/ Brian S. King
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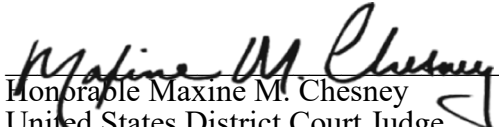
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11 **PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED THAT:**

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21 Honorable Maxine M. Chesney
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